

Carlisle Housing Authority

September 8, 2011

Submitted by Carolyn Ing

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm.

In attendance: Alan Lehotsky (Chair), James Bohn, W. Randall Brown, Carolyn Ing, Steve Pearlman, Elizabeth DeMille Barnett (Housing Coordinator).

Community input: none

Old business

NOAH Benfield Farms update: NOAH requested the Housing Authority's assistance in responding to a One-Stop Application information request. Barnett shared some of the information requested asked about Carlisle's demand for senior affordable housing. She noted that in reviewing the 2005-2009 American Community Survey data, there has been a large increase in Carlisle residents whose incomes fall below the poverty level, from zero ten years ago to 8.4% as of the 2010 US census. Barnett will ask NOAH for an update as to status of project plans. There are currently 105 people on interest list.

Affordable Accessory Apartment Regulatory Agreement revisions: On a motion made by Lehotsky and seconded by Bohn, the board voted 5-0 that the HA recommend to the Housing Trust to accept the 14-word amendment proposed by the Housing Trust to the current AAA draft document.

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) housing: Ing and Barnett visited the TILL, Inc. facility in Southborough, Massachusetts on August 30. The HA discussed the quality of the design and the integration into the community, and will again request consideration of a similar facility in Carlisle at next Housing Trust meeting.

Carlisle Public School committee: On September 7 th, Lehotsky made a presentation at the School Committee meeting to describe the residential option that is being explored for the Highland Building.

New business

Carlisle Public Schools

Staff orientation: Barnett was invited by the school superintendent to give a presentation at the school staff orientation meeting on economic resources available to Carlisle residents. Barnett's goal was to raise awareness of available resources, to inform staff about some of the economic challenges families of Carlisle students are currently facing and to encourage all to seek help promptly.

Highland Building discussions: Barnett and Brown will renew their request for a site walk at the Highland Building by potential developers, and other Highland Building related information.

Conant Land chronology: To be discussed at next meeting.

On a motion made by Bohn and seconded by Brown, the board voted 5-0 to approve payment of \$15 for color copies for Barnett's presentation to the Carlisle Public School staff orientation meeting.

Metropolitan Area Planning Council - Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC) subgroup: Board of Selectmen, Chair Douglas A.G. Stevenson hosted, and Barnett assisted, a meeting of the group in Carlisle. There were 24 attendees. Barnett reported on large 40B developments in process in the area: Littleton has one 200-unit development, and Concord is issuing occupancy permits for a 350-unit development. The Town of Bolton also is adding seven houses to an already large subdivision.

Foreclosures: Barnett reported that statewide foreclosures were down from last year's numbers, but continued to increase over the earlier part of this year during June and July.

Banta Davis: Barnett will inquire about the status of the Banta Davis task force..

Minutes approved: On a motion made by Pearlman and seconded by Bohn, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the August 11 meeting.

Next meeting date: September 27, 2011

Meeting adjourned: On a motion made by Pearlman and seconded by Bohn, it was voted 5-0 to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Action items

- Barnett will contact NOAH to inquire about the progress of the Benfield architectural drawings.
- Barnett will write a summary of the August 30 TILL, Inc. site visit.
- Barnett will inquire as to the next meeting date for the Highland Building Committee (carryover from previous meeting).
- Barnett will inquire as to status of Banta-Davis task force.